June 26

I received your letter the 11 of April and read it with much satisfaction I recieved much interesting and pleasing information and some that caused emotions of sorrow and regret— I have the same good news to communicate that you had, it is even better I think— the Lord is working powerfully in this region and we have great cause for rejoicing for what he has already done. in this neighborhood there are several already who have hopes of an interest in Christ— and others I believe are seeking their souls salvation, and we would humbly hope that this is as a few drops before a mighty shower. There have been awakenings in every society except one during the two years that Br Wilson has been on this Circuit. The Methodists donot continue a minister on one circuit more than two years, in the month of June they will have to take different circuits is is uncertain where Br will be sent, he thinks however that it will be on one adjacent to this— I visited him about a week since with Br & Brother Fletch they stay with me three nights they are very much afflicted yet with sore eyes they left Beulah and her two children in usual health. Time is the same that he ever has been one quarter a day generally suffices I believe. Father was at Edmeades a few weeks since and found them in usual health— William speaks of you frequently and expresses a great desire to see you he thinks he should go to Vermont before long he says he would write but he fears he may communicate something that will injure your feelings he desires much to have a talk with you he says—

it is five months this day since I was married I have enjoyed myself very well thus far I have had no one in the family except me Pa and myself and but a very little to do but I expect the scene very soon to change I expect six or seven work hands tomorrow to stay through the week and one is engaged for two months they are going to getting out timber for a barn I milked two cows through the winter and sold fifty weight of butter we expect to have three this summer I calculate to try to make cheese — we have six sheep 4 Geese and a hens Father Cook gives Samuel seventy-six acres of land he calculates building a barn this season and next summer if he should be prospered to build a house the house we now occupie belongs to an old man in the family it is very convenient for me but renders it rather inconvenient for mr Cook to go so far to his work he calculates to build about a half a mile from this Father Cook has distributed about four hundred acres of land amongst his Children six sons and two daughters I think it is one of the most worthy families I ever become acquainted with the whole family are members of the Methodist Church except Samuel and the youngest Samuel was very serious several years since and many thought he have met with a change of heart and he some times indulged the hope that he had himself but he was at length led to relinquish it but for a year past has been led to think seriously on the subject and still continues to express a great desire that he may be brought to know the realities of religion

he is modest bashful and unassuming rather too bashful to appear well to strangers but I believe he gains the love and esteem of all who know him in his conduct he might be an example to very many who call themselves Christians, I am sure he might for me —
You reproach me for not writing sooner, I acknowledge I have done wrong. I intended writing when I first commenced my School but it was so large I did not get through with it until nearly night and I was tired, so I kept putting it off I thought you would wish to know when I should be over I closed my school and I could not then tell you I think that dear Brother Eldredge has more reason to complain than you have, I know nothing of him since I left Vermont but it is not because I have forgotten him I have shed many tears when thinking of him and my little Children, fearful they might want some consolation or kindness shown them which I might render were I with them but they have a better Protector than I am I received my cloth and letters in the month of April at B. Williams I had an opportunity and went there the February before —
With respect to my things, one of our neighbors Mr. Anthony Rhodes is going to Troy on the Canal he offers to bring our things from Troy to Geneva, we have concluded it will be best to have them send out unless they can be sold for about what they are worth if you can convey them to Troy and leave them at Enos Reynolds River Street if brought to west Troy to be left at the store of Patterson and Abert — I suppose it will be necessary to leave the name of the person who is to take them he will be ready to take them as soon as you can get them there
P.S. I have [illegible] delivery that William has settled his family about [illegible] miles from us I wish you to write immediately after you receive this as that we may know what to depend upon

William's wife is quite unwell at present and has been for some time. She thinks she is unfortunate in not having children. Our health are as usual, very good. I have grown fleshy since I came from Vermont. I weigh 150 pounds. Our best love to you all. Write soon.

Since I wrote this letter William has left his circuit and gone on to Canandaigua and Geneva circuit his nearest appointment for preaching is about four miles from us

I attended his last quarterly meeting on this circuit about 12 miles from here — I think there were as many as a thousan people there ~~assose~~ once to ~~hear~~ deliver his farewell address but he was so much affected he was obliged to sit down untill he had got his mind composed — he then got up and addressed them it drove the tears to flow from almost every eye in the assembly there were sighs and sobs on almost all sides I was not a disinterested spectator by any means

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people tell us they do not see any thing to hinder Samuel and Maria enjoying themselves I do not know of any thing wanting to render us happy but better hearts — We send much love and many good wishes to you and yours one of which is that you would come out and see us and bring out my little girl we want to see you very much we do not know how to wait long when I think of my friends in Vermont my heart is pained that I can neither see nor hear from them I wish they would write — Please to give my love to Aunty & Uncle Hall and a number of others I cannot mention all — Shelden Lord when he was here there was a Parish near where he resides that was wanting a minister you be thought it would suit him and would like

We do not sell cloth for our ~~use~~ purpose we only sell it just we can not get more than one dollar per yard